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SUBJECT: BOLIVIA- RECOGNITION

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1. CHARGE REVIEWED CONTENTS REFTEL WITH VICE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS GOMEZ MANTELLINI ON JULY 29. CHARGE INFORMED HIM OF PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR VAKY AND PRESIDENT PEREZ, OF WHICH HE SEEMED UNAWARE. HE SAID HE WOULD CONVEY OUR VIEWS AND PRESENT INTENTIONS REGARDING OUR RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA TO FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI AND LET CHARGE HAVE REACTION.

2. ON JULY 31, IN MEETING WITH GOMEZ AND DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY NAVA CARILLO, CHARGE WAS INFORMED THAT GOV IS ALSO STILL "STUYING SITUATION." THEY GAVE IMPRESSION THAT GOV POSITION HAS EVOLVED LITTLE BEYOND THAT COMMUNICATED BY PRESIDENT PEREZ IN TELCON WITH AMB VAKY. GOMEZ DENIED PRESS REPORTS THAT GOV
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HAD RECALLED ITS AMBASSADOR FROM BOLIVIA, EXPLAINING HIS PRESENCE IN CARACAS AS COINCIDENTAL AND UNCONNECTED WITH POST-ELECTION DEVELOPMENTS IN BOLIVIA.

3. THE VENEZUELAN OPINED THAT THE BOLIVIAN SITUATION WOULD HAVE LITTLE IF ANY IMPACT ON THE POLITICAL PROCESS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THEY BELIEVED BOLIVIA WAS

TOO REMOTE AND TOO DISSIMILAR TO AFFECT DEVELOPMENTS
THERE. GOMEZ ASSERTED THAT GUZMAN WILL HAVE HIS HANDS
FULL BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS ON HIS FREEDOM-OF-ACTION
NOW BEING CREATED BY THE OUTGOING BALAGUER REGIME.
THIS WAS, OF COURSE, UNRELATED TO BOLIVIAN SITUATION.
CONCERNING HOW BOLIVIAN DEVELOPMENTS MIGHT AFFECT ECUADOR,
BOTH GOMEZ AND NAVA SAID THEY HAD NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT.
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